

# South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Head and Spinal Cord Injury Medicaid Waiver Program

**DATE:** January 17, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) waiver program 5-year renewal

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services proposes a summary of changes to the existing waiver to include the following substantive and technical changes:

## Substantive changes

1. Addition of the following new service:
  - Incontinence Supplies - To include diapers, briefs, incontinence pads, under pads, and wipes. HASCI waiver participants will be able to receive the same quantity of supplies through a combination of the state plan and waiver services as before.
2. Removal of the following waiver services:
  - Peer Guidance for Consumer-Directed Care – Waiver population has not requested assistance to direct their own care.
  - Health Education for Consumer-Directed Care – Waiver population has not requested assistance to direct their own care.
  - Supported Employment – Services are available through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.
3. Revisions to quality assurance sections:
  - As recommended by CMS, the state is adding additional quality assurance performance measures.

## Technical changes

There are minor changes proposed for clarification purposes for the following waiver services. HASCI waiver participants will be able to continue receiving the same waiver services as before.

- Attendant Care/Personal Assistance
- Day Activity
- Career Preparation
- Respite Care
- Environmental Modifications
- Medicaid Waiver Nursing
- Supplies, Equipment and Assistive Technology
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Private Vehicle Modifications
- Psychological Services

As part of the state's waiver renewal process there will be a public meeting held to discuss the waiver program, required and proposed changes, and to receive public comment on January 31, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The public meeting will be video conferenced at the following locations:

SCDDSN Coastal Center  
District II/HRM Office Bldg.  
Training Room 2  
9995 Jamison Road  
Summerville, SC 29485  
Contact: Sonia Gadsden (843) 821-5806

SCDDSN Whitten Center  
Whitten Center Chapel Conference Room  
28373 Hwy. 76 East  
Clinton, SC 29325  
Contact: Sonja Renwick (864) 983-3510

SCDDSN Pee Dee Center  
Administration Bldg. Conference Room  
714 North Cemetery Road  
Florence, SC 29506  
Contact: Phyllis Clark (843) 664-2618

Please note, written comments may be submitted, but must be received no later than February 14, 2013. They may be submitted to the SCDHHS website at [comments@scdhhs.gov](mailto:comments@scdhhs.gov) or by mail to the following address:

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